

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A gliding board, comprising:

a gliding surface that terminates in at least one raised end, said end ~~beginning at being an elevated zone when said gliding board is flat such that said end extends a distance from a low point along where~~ said gliding surface begins to elevate and extending extends to a highest point of said elevated zone, said end having a peripheral zone and a central zone, the peripheral zone extending from sides of said end toward the central zone of said end, the peripheral zone having a thickness which is less than a thickness of the central zone of said end and being connected to the central zone by a discontinuity that forms an inflexion surface continuously extending throughout a length of said discontinuity in said end to form a smooth arc between said sides of said end, an upper face of the central zone extending to an intermediate point along a center longitudinal axis of said end that is positioned between the low point and the highest point and is closer to the highest point than the low point; and

a pair of metal edges adjacent said gliding surface, each of said edges terminating at a point within said end, a width of said peripheral zone being at least 5 mm at a location adjacent said termination point.

wherein (i) an upper face of the peripheral zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface, (ii) a width of the peripheral zone, measured from a nearest point along the side of said end, increases from ~~said low point of said end~~ a value of zero level with a beginning of said peripheral zone to a maximum value at said highest point of said end, ~~and~~ (iii) a vertex of said arc extends to a highest point of said inflexion surface along said end at a point substantially along ~~at the~~ center longitudinal axis of said ~~gliding board end~~, (iv) said upper face of the central zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface within said end, and (v) a continuous protective cover

extends along said central zone, said discontinuity, and said peripheral zone throughout said end.

Claims 2-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The gliding board as claimed in claim 1, wherein the peripheral zone is symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal mid-plane of the board.

6. (Previously Presented) The gliding board as claimed in claim 1, wherein said end forms a front tip of the board.

7. (Currently Amended) A gliding board, comprising:

a gliding surface that terminates in at least one raised end, said end beginning at being an elevated zone when said gliding board is flat such that said end extends a distance from a low point along where said gliding surface begins to elevate and extending extends to a highest point of said elevated zone, said end having a peripheral zone and a central zone, the peripheral zone extending from sides of said end toward the central zone of said end, the peripheral zone having a thickness which is less than a thickness of the central zone of said end and being connected to the central zone by a discontinuity that forms an inflexion surface continuously extending throughout a length of said discontinuity in said end to form a smooth arc between said sides of said end, an upper face of said central zone extending to an intermediate point along a center longitudinal axis of said end that is positioned between the low point and the highest point and is closer to the highest point than the low point; and

a pair of metal edges adjacent said gliding surface, each of said edges terminating at a termination point within said end, a width of said peripheral zone being at least 5 mm at a location adjacent said termination point.

wherein (i) an upper face of the peripheral zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface, (ii) a width of the peripheral zone, measured from a nearest point

along the side of said end, increases from a value of zero level with a beginning of said peripheral zone said low point of said end to a maximum value at said highest point of said end, (iii) a vertex of said arc extends to a highest point of said inflexion surface along said end at a point substantially along at the center longitudinal axis of said gliding board end, and (iv) said thickness of the central zone is substantially thicker than said thickness of the peripheral zone throughout said length of said discontinuity, (v) said upper face of the central zone is substantially parallel to the gliding surface within said end, and (vi) a continuous protective cover extends along said central zone, said discontinuity, said peripheral zone throughout said end.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) The gliding board as claimed in claim 7, wherein the peripheral zone is symmetrical with respect to a longitudinal mid-plane of the board.

10. (New) The gliding board as claimed in claim 7, wherein said end forms a front tip of the board.